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FROM ORAN.

Mrs. Lawrence Reichart and children, who have been in St. Genevieve for the past year, returned to Oran last Saturday.

Dr. Freeling punctured an abscess in Calvin Forrester's eye Monday. The doctor will remove the eye when the inflammation has subsided.

Artie Davis, of Sikeston, was here Sunday and Monday last. He has a severe case of tonsillitis.

Matthews, Stubblefield & Co., moved their groceries and hardware into their new store building this week.

Geo. Finley's baby was reported dangerously ill Monday.

Many of our citizens planted garden truck Monday.

Judge Friend attended county court at Benton Monday and Tuesday last.

Monday was movers day in Oran. Judge Hale moved into his new residence. C. Forrester moved into the Bert Ringo house and Mr. Schmuck moved into the house vacated by Mr. Forrester.

Mrs. Hattie Allman fell and dislocated her finger and bruised her face considerably last Sunday.

One of John Bolen's sons fell and broke his arm Monday morning.

The protracted meeting at the M. E. church is in session at this writing. This reminds us that most men are religious only when their attention is called to the subject.

Mr. Legrand moved into his residence this week.

The National Bank question will be discussed by our Literary club Friday night. Col. Gillespie and Prof. Newlin will be the champions. Gillespie is in favor of the banks—Newlin is opposed.

The choir for the Baptist church will probably be organized this week.

Prof. Scholz has forty-eight pupils. This is the largest subscription school that has been in Oran for the past three years.

Mrs. M. A. Thompson, who has been confined to her bed for the past three months, is able to be up at this writing.

Uncle John Friend and daughter, Mrs. Andrew Meis, are reported on the sick list. The former has pneumonia.

Lumber is being hauled to put up buildings on the lots recently bought of O. A. Proffer by Mr. Dierberger. Use.

County Court Proceedings.

County court met in adjourned term Monday and was in session two days. The following business was transacted:

Resignation of Sam'l Tarnett as Constable of Richland township accepted and Chas. S. Tanner appointed as such constable.

Carolina Brenneke relieved of \$1,000 over valuation.

Collector's settlement filed.

A number of allowances were made and court adjourned.

Mrs. Pauline Buer, a daughter of Mr. Carroll Moye, of Commerce, died at Dallas, Tex., Friday of last week.

Hons. J. J. Russell, and Paul B. Moore, of Charleston, were among the Newsboy's visitors Friday of last week. They were on their way to Dr. Coffman's funeral.

So far only one man has had the nerve to consider himself "injured" by the article in last week's Newsboy, headed: "He Had Better Keep Mum." We assured him that if the shoe fitted he must wear it—no matter how hard it pinched.

You can find as good a pair of spectacles at the Benton Drug Store as in the city. All the lenses are perfect, all ages are fitted and all purses suited. A good line of gold mounted goods on hand.

Frank Moore and A. E. Larey, of Sikeston, were in Benton Tuesday. Mr. Larey says that the Newsboy office has the finest outfit of material he has ever seen.

Walter Hoes, living near Commerce, died Friday of last week.

For good Baled Hay, apply to W. C. Lambert, Benton.

The band boys were out serenading last Saturday night and made quite a country tour of it, sadly disturbing the slumbers of Andy Fornes, Charles Proffitt, Will Heisserer and Squire Lambert. These sons of toil should be allowed to sleep what little time they can spare.

Miss Donovan, of Alto, Ill., is again the guest of Mrs. Jas. Walker.

Miss Addie Wylie is recovering from a spell of gastritis.

FROM BLODGETT.

Charley McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McCormick of this place, is at home on a visit after an absence of eleven years. Separated from his parents in the great city of St. Louis at the age of thirteen he came to the top like the typical American boy and now prospers in the great city of Chicago. Truth is sometimes stranger than fiction and here once again is typified right in our midst.

Judge J. E. Marshall and Mr. B. E. Marshall attended the funeral of Dr. J. E. Coffman, at Commerce, last Saturday. They report a large turnout from various places in S. E. Missouri.

Other wild game is losing ground somewhat, but the deer is keeps up his "lick."

We don't want the dining room girls to make as much fun of our squibs this week as they did last week, or we will have to move to Pennsacott county. They ridiculed the last week's guitar gag unmercifully and jumped on the Ananias club ignominiously.

Train dispatcher, S. T. Hardy, of DeSoto, is in town on his semi-annual pursuit of the elusive wild ducks and geese. A car load of railroad employees will be on hand for hunting purposes by the time this week's paper comes out.

There is a remedy for everything except for some of our nineteenth century cuttles.

Among the last week's visitors to our town we observed Circuit Clerk J. M. Leffew, Prosecuting Attorney J. L. Moore, Hon. Albert DeReign and Sheriff Tanner.

J. E. Sherer and Maj. W. B. Congleton returned last week from a hilarious two-horse-rig-and-patent-churn expedition into the wilds of western Kentucky. After wading about in the old red clay hills and nearly freezing to death they formed in a hollow square and whereased and resolved that Missouri was the only place to enjoy life this winter.

One of our boys here is a real catate fiend. He was out in Stoddard county recently and they jailed him. But in less than a week he sold the jailer seven lots in the Tuxedo addition to Blodgett, traded the sheriff out of his pistols and handcuffs, took a mortgage on the jail, sold part of the gratings to a junk-man and took the circuit rider's tobacco away from him. Arise and sing!

In Pitman's system of short hand—u-g spells judge, so in prohibition laws read it thusly: "Jug not, lest ye be juggled."

Blodgett is undoubtedly a safe place in which to live, for in the fifty-one labeled houses not one has escaped the gripe during the last fifteen days, some families having as many as three sick abed at one time, but not one of them has died and all are recovering. If any town in this world can show a record like this let her wait to the front and the bonnet will be presented to her immediately, or if anything, sooner. But Blodgett don't want any epidemics like the one just passed. Oh no, we know when we have got enough, even if we don't die out here on the rim. This is official.

The self-made man is always tooting his buzoo, but take the self-made man! He lays the blame on somebody else every clatter.

"Man wants but little here below," but when he gets on top he wants the earth—fenced and roofed.

The Ananias club met in the sorghum shed west of town last Tuesday night and when the janitor finished sneezing and Harpoon Charlton had cussed the bad weather sufficiently, the M. W. L. loomed up long enough to say that the secretary had a letter from a gentleman in the practice of law in Toronto, Ontario, who said he would like to attend to the legal business of the club. His terms would be as follows: For defending a murderer, \$25; a burglar, \$20; an incendiary, \$18; a bigamist or trigamist, \$15; horse thief, \$15; embezzler, \$12; for defending four or five common thieves or liars in a heap and proving an alibi, \$50, half in advance and half in 50 days. The secretary was instructed to close the bargain at once. The committee on Ways and Means handed in their report on the visible supply of water on hand at the beginning of the month. The report said that the quantity now on hand would supply each inhabitant 450,000 gallons daily for the next 117 years and at the end of that period some cheap substitute would be discovered. Astrolabe Mounthood was fined \$25,000 for putting water in his glass before taking a drink. The glee club, consisting of Messrs. Schroeder, Wright, Adams, Scofield and Stubbs, sang the soul-stinging hilo, "Six Drinks for Fifty Cents," and the meeting fell to slavers.

Calumet.

Wm. Hunter went to Pemiscott county Tuesday.

Miles, Horses and Mares to sell on time by J. F. Evans, Blodgett, Mo.

Mrs. Lawrence Vetter, of St. Louis, is here on a visit.

How Do You Do?

Well, there's no use Wasting Time and Space. Here is the Whole Story in a Nut-Shell:

HEISSERER & MILLER

Have Just Opened up their New and Carefully Selected SPRING STOCK!

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COME TO BENTON.

HEISSERER & MILLER.

DR. COFFMAN'S FUNERAL.

Scott County's Representative is Laid to Rest with Solemn and Impressive Ceremonies.

On Saturday last all that was mortal of Hon. J. R. Coffman was returned to its native dust.

No lovelier spring day than that of the funeral was ever seen. It was one of those days which make glad the hearts of all living creatures; when the cold rigor of winter has yielded to the balmy breath of the south wind, and bud and blossom are impatient to burst into fuller life.

The streets of Commerce have not been the scene of so much animation for many years. From every direction the citizens of Scott county hastened to pay their last sad token of respect to the memory of the lamented dead. Hon. J. R. Coffman, R. ran a special train from Morley, and that carried a large number of passengers from the Iron Mountain towns and from Benton. A contingent of the Knights Templars, commandery of the Free Masons, of which deceased was a member, arrived from Cape Girardeau. The Ancient Order of United Workmen was represented by members from the various lodges in the county and the regalia of both orders added to the dignity and solemnity of the occasion.

The procession to the M. E. church passed through a concourse of citizens such as never before assembled at a funeral in Scott county. The little church was altogether inadequate to accommodate more than a mere fraction of the assemblage. The beautiful and impressive ritual of the Knights Templars was used in the church, as also at the cemetery, and a choir of picked singers rendered hymns appropriate to the ceremonies.

The Commerce cemetery is located on a height overlooking the town and commanding a charming view of the Mississippi, which presents at this point one of its most attractive landscapes. Here the interment took place and the last words spoken as we consigned to mother earth a son whose life had been one of beauty and to his fellow men.

Jas. Walker returned from St. Louis Wednesday after two weeks under expert medical advice.

Those who contemplate building should begin by putting down cisterns. The ground is in better condition now than later for such work and the water will come out sweet and drinkable by the time the house is habitable.

Miles, Horses and Mares to sell on time by J. F. Evans, Blodgett, Mo.

From New York Settlement.

As there are but few items of interest to report from this place, I have not much to communicate, but such as they are here they are.

Saturday last the Scott County Farmers' Mutual Fire & Storm Insurance Co. held its annual meeting at Keosauqua, Casper Miller presiding and John Kimpel, Secretary. There were three Directors and three Assistant Directors. Amendments to the Constitution were voted on and the same was well made anew. The company is only 3 years old, but is in working order. More by-laws are needed to make things satisfactory all around.

Last Sunday there was quite a gathering at the residence of John Elfert for the purpose of celebrating Henry Elfert's 80th birthday. He is the father of twelve children, grandfather of forty-one, and great-grandfather of four, all living but six of his own children. He was born on March 3, 1814 in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, where he followed the occupations of weaver and musician. In 1852 he and his oldest son emigrated to America and for nearly a year he was a musician in New York. He then came west and entered 80 acres in Scott county and sent for his family, who arrived in 1854 and have been living on the land ever since. Mr. Elfert and his good wife have been married 52 years. She is 73 years old and, only that the old gentleman is blind, they are both hale and hearty. They reside with their youngest son, John.

Farming has opened up; clover is about all in and oats sowing in progress. Wheat looks well in the field if it does look sick in the market reports. But live and hope.

Economy.

For carpets and rugs you can't do better than go to Heisserer & Miller at Benton. They have a very handsome line to select from and the prices are right every time.

Frank Miller returned from St. Louis Wednesday. He has bought a very handsome lot of spring and summer goods, which will be on the shelves in a few days.

Mont. Wade was in St. Louis last Saturday on government business.

For sale, in Benton, a good six room house, lot 105 x 138 1/2 feet. Also a good shop, 25 x 75 feet, lot same size as above. Terms easy. Address H. L. Yeakley, Benton, Mo.

The Missouri Supreme court has reversed the decision in our circuit court which gave J. M. Fullerton \$15,000 against the Cotton Belt railroad.

Mrs. Lawrence Vetter, of St. Louis, is here on a visit.

SOUTHEAST NOTES.

The New Idlewild has resumed her place on the river.

The Madison Democrat is now a really first-class country newspaper.

James H. Clark is the new Register of Lands at Ironton.

Newsum, the New Madrid homestead, has secured another postponement of his trial by swearing that he would not expect justice from Judge Riley. He will be tried by Judge Fox at the May term of Cape county circuit court.

Mississippi county's primary is set for the 25th of April.

The Baptist college at Farmington is on the lookout for a location with a \$25,000 building. Ah, there, De Soto!

The Enterprise Messenger has changed its name to the Dexter Messenger. That's all right, Bro. Hill.

Poplar Bluff has a rival to the Keeley gold cure. Keeley has lots of imitators.

The Bloomfield Vindicator is now owned and edited by J. O. Turnbaugh.

They have highway robbers up in St. Francis county. Two citizens were held up and robbed last week.

An accident on the Mississippi River & Bonne Terre R. R. last week resulted in the death of the engineer and the maiming of four train hands.

There will be about eight candidates for Congress in the 13th district, according to the present calculations.

Cape Era: The county court met in adjourned session yesterday and appointed Samuel Tanner sheriff of Scott county to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. F. Miller. Mr. Tanner is one of the most influential men of Richland township and the appointment is an eminently good one.

Jumbo Reeder is in St. Louis buying goods.

Rumor has it that a rich bed of ochre has been discovered on Dick Hunter's farm near Morley. Major Ward has been prospecting among the hills thereabouts and found the mineral in abundance.

There is talk of putting a night train on the Belmont. It would get to Morley between 2 and 3 o'clock a. m. going north.

Jas. Baker, of Sikeston, spent a day or two in Commerce this week.

\$1,200 WILL BUY THE BEST residence and most conveniently located property in Benton. Easy terms. Apply to Mrs. L. A. Townes.

FROM SIKESTON.

The personal effects of the late Jas. Pharris were sold at public sale at the old home-stand south of town on Wednesday. Quite a number from this and New Madrid county were there. The proceeds of the sale were about \$1,400.

Frank Heisserer and John Snider spent Tuesday at Morley on business.

Paul Curtner on Wednesday last bid farewell to his friends in Sikeston and left for Princeton, Ind., where he will engage in the drug business.

J. P. Youngworth is now in charge of Mills' drugstore and will be pleased to see his friends at this place.

Mrs. Isaac Draper sold her household goods, packed her trunk and departed for Kansas City, leaving poor old Ike alone in his misery.

Reube Matthews has been appointed marshal by the City Council to fill the unexpired term caused by Wilkinson's removal to Kentucky.

Rev. F. Brandt, of Charleston, preached to a good audience at the Catholic church last Sunday night.

Robt. Rutledge, of New Madrid, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Sikeston.

Millwrights are expected from St. Louis next week to put in new machinery in our mill. The capacity will be increased to double the present.

Albert Larey spent Sunday at Charleston.

Mr. Bennett Thomas, an old resident of this town, died at the residence of Judge Greer, where he had made his home for some time past, and was buried on Tuesday.

The show given at the M. E. church last Saturday evening by Ralph and Ruth Bingham was somewhat disappointing. The music was very good but Miss Ruth as an elocutionist was, in our opinion, a failure, and bunting the entertainment, it was more fit for a hall or opera house than a church.

Jas. Shane went to Ogden Tuesday to invoice M. Ingalls' stock of goods.

Matthews, Stubblefield & Co., at Oran, have just finished their addition to their store building, and can now boast of having one of the largest and most convenient business houses in the county. They intend to do business right up to the handle this spring. Watch for their announcement in the Newsboy next week.

Sheriff Tanner brought Charley Owens back from Jackson, Wednesday and placed him in the county jail.

POLITICAL RUMORS.

Albert DeReign and J. E. Marshall are mentioned as probable candidates for the legislature.

Frank Heisserer, of Sikeston, is sounding the water and will probably try for Assessor. Rev. Fizer says he is still in it.

There is no need to prospective candidates for sheriff. Besides the present incumbent we have heard the names of Wiley Bates, of Morley, A. L. Daniel, of Dicksboro, and Ed. Johnson, of Commerce, mentioned with several townships to hear from.

Thos. F. Hinkle, of Oran, is feeling the public pulse with an eye on the recorder's office. Circuit Clerk Leffew does not favor the idea of dividing the offices and will probably try for both circuit clerk and recorder.

The probate prohibits the treasurer from holding that office more than four years, so Treasurer Heisserer will try for the collectorship. The Record is our authority for it that Mr. White will again be in the race. S. R. Jones and Leslie Harris have also been mentioned in connection with the collectorship.

Judge Leedy would just as soon hold Probate court for another four years as not. He is not "spoiling" for an opponent.

County Clerk McPheters likes his job pretty well. Rumor has it that W. H. McKnight and Leslie Harris are figuring on the possibilities of getting it away from him.

R. L. Harrison has expressed himself as not in the race. Judge Norrid will also retire and we understand Judge Friend will try for the presiding judgeship. Judge Albrecht is mentioned from this district, but we have heard no one spoken of for the first district.

Joe L. Moore is still in the ring for prosecuting attorney. Milo G. Gresham, of Sikeston, will probably try to knock him out.

CALL.

The Democratic Central Committee for Scott county Missouri, will meet at Benton, March 12, 1894, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of calling a primary election and such other business as the interest of the party may require.

The following are the members for their respective townships: C. L. Anderson, Commerce Twp.; Moran Combs, Keosauqua; Albert DeReign, Moreland; W. G. Atchison, Morley; John L. Tanner, Richland; W. B. Sherer, Sandywoods; Alex Wright, Sylvania; C. N. Welch, Tywappitty; Albert DeReign, Ch in Dem Central Com. Scott Co., Mo.

VERBUM SAP.

First Citizen:—Was Green's purpose of whipping the editor carried out?

Second Citizen:—No, but Green was.

Great Music Offer.

Send us the names and addresses of three or more performers on the piano or organ together with eight cents in postage and we will mail you one copy of PORTLAND MUSIC MONTHLY, containing ten pieces, full sheet music, consisting of popular songs, waltzes, marches, etc., arranged for the piano and organ. Address: PORTLAND MUSIC MONTHLY, Indianapolis, Ind.

TAKEN UP.

By John B. Gosche and posted before Andrew Schoen, a Justice of the Peace in Moreland township, Scott County, Mo., on the 28th day of February A. D. 1894, one roan mare with a bell on, aged about 16 years and about 14 hands high, blind in the right eye, appraised at \$15.

—Miss Ludovica Heisserer is suffering severely from a finger poisoned by a rusty nail.

—Hall and Cooper lands for sale on time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 520 Olive St., St. Louis.

—Judge Ballentine was sick last Saturday and could not attend Dr. Coffman's funeral.

—First-class baled Timothy Hay for sale. Apply to Mrs. SUSAN GATHEE, Commerce, Mo.

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